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Meeting set for Dec. 12th on proposed improvements at Garden State Parkway Interchange in Paramus

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority will host a Public Information Center at the Life Safety Complex in Paramus to present information about proposed improvements to Garden State Parkway Interchange 163.

Interchange 163 is connected to Route 17 by way of left-side exits from both directions of the Parkway. Traffic exiting onto Route 17 often backs up onto the left lanes of the Parkway. The proposed improvements include realigning the Parkway into the existing median and relocating the exits to the right-side of the road. The Turnpike Authority expects the new alignment to reduce congestion and improve traffic operations in the area.

Before these proposed improvements can be made, the Turnpike Authority will need permits, certifications and approvals from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Bergen Soil Conservation District. The Authority is required to perform an environmental analysis and submit an Environmental Impact Statement to NJDEP before it submits permit applications. Input offered by members of the public at the Public Information Center will be incorporated into that document.

The Public Information Center will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12th, in the Life Safety Complex, Carlough Drive, Paramus (located behind the Department of Public Works and Rescue Squad). Representatives from the Authority will be available to explain the proposed improvements to individuals or small groups. Interested drivers and residents are invited to drop by any time during the event to look at the displays and ask questions.